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Dear Bill:

While the detailed biographic information on Deputy Director for Intelligence Bob Gates, the President's nominee to be John McMahon's successor as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, was made available to the media by the White House last evening, you may not have obtained a copy. I am, therefore, enclosing one of our own, the one which the White House drew on in composing its statement. It is for your use as you see fit.

Bob Gates is a distinguished Agency career officer and public servant who served the Nixon and Ford administrations in the White House, not just the Carter administration as you stated in your article today. Our officers are apolitical and serve impartially whatever administration is in power. Some of us, for example, have served every president from and including Harry Truman to date.

In your next article on this subject, I hope you will let your readers know those facts and will inform the public about Gates' outstanding multifaceted career. Bob Inman knows. Check with him.

Sincerely,

George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs

Enclosure